

## **Recommendation on priorities for awarding funding by the National Foundation RTD 2015**

The National Foundation for RTD plays a very important role in the Austrian RTI system as an additional financing source for long-term strategic measures. The Council therefore once again regrettably acknowledges that the funds provided to the National Foundation has steadily decreased in recent years, and on average is already significantly below the amount proposed in the annotations on the law.

Thus, once again a sufficient and sustainable allocation of funds must be advised so that the National Foundation can perform its functions.

### **Following detailed discussion, the Council recommends the following content-relevant orientation for awarding funds 2015:**

(Basis for the 46th Foundation Council session 25 March 2014)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boosted research infrastructure by focusing on initiatives with</li><li>• corresponding critical variables and risk potential</li><li>• Boosted national human potential basis</li><li>• Increased risk capital</li><li>• Increased contribution by intellectual property to growth and innovation</li><li>• Increased innovation potential with "Open Innovation"</li><li>• Coordination and consultation between regional and federal RTI activities</li><li>• Excellence in basic research</li><li>• Measures for boosting Austria as a location for research-active companies</li><li>• Research and technology initiatives for the industrial location</li></ul>
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Orientation follows the principle of long-term planning ability and continuity of the National Foundation.

With the applications of the recipients, special factors to be considered include the existing programmes in the responsible units and agencies and, with regard to the focus on intellectual property, the planned elaboration of an overall national strategy on intellectual property.